

Schoof was home on a 30-day leave when the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. He would spend 8 more years in the Army Reserves.

He noted with a laugh that one of his biggest disappointments was that his gear bag burned up in a warehouse fire while he was on leave, taking all his mementos from Europe in the blaze.

Schoof remembered his role in the war with great clarity, and its impression on him was obvious. He organized a semi-annual gathering of his old unit from 1962 to 1980.

Schoof couldn't recall a great negative impact from his time in the war. He mentioned how thankful he was that he served in a time with a clearly defined conflict.

"We knew who the enemy was when we went over there, but the guys today don't," Schoof said.

Schoof's father served in the First World War, fighting in the forests of France. Schoof said he hopes the new veterans from today's conflict will feel welcome in the veteran's services groups like the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This past Memorial Day, he spent memorializing those who hadn't made it home: helping to put flags on the graves of veterans.

I commend Don Schoof for his many years of loyalty and service to our great nation. It is an immense honor to represent him in the United States Congress, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE PUERTO RICAN HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COM- MERCE FOR PALM BEACH COUN- TY, FLORIDA

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Palm Beach County, Florida. Since its founding in 2005, the Chamber has devoted itself to promoting and supporting Puerto Rican and Hispanic owned businesses, while placing a strong emphasis on Hispanic culture and values.

The Chamber has been the main sponsor of the Fiestas Patronales and Business Exposition in Palm Beach Counties, allowing the Chamber to reach out and create connections throughout the many Hispanic owned businesses of South Florida. In addition, the Chamber founded the Health Mothers/Healthy Babies Coalition of the Palm Beaches, whose mission is to promote the well being of mothers and their newborns throughout South Florida.

The Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for Palm Beach County, Florida has made a lasting impact in Palm Beach County, promoting and supporting business and culture, and by growing an organization where Puerto Ricans and Hispanics in South Florida can feel at home.

I rise to congratulate the Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for their excellence and leadership in promoting South Florida's Hispanic owned businesses.

The South Florida Hispanic community is truly a better place because of the hard work of the Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Palm Beach County, Florida. I wish the Cham-

ber continued success in all its future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGAL CAREER OF MARCELLUS BUCHANAN

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Marcellus Buchanan, a veteran of the Second World War, a devoted and passionate attorney, solicitor, and a 3-term member of the North Carolina General Assembly. Mr. Buchanan was born on September 30, 1923 in Jackson County, North Carolina. He went on to attend western North Carolina Teacher's College until called into service during World War II. During the war he served in the European Theater with the United States Army Air Corp. When he came home, he married Jane Poteet of Sylva, started a family and resumed his studies. Mr. Buchanan attended Chapel Hill Law School before moving back to Western North Carolina to start what would become a long and successful legal career. He served as the attorney for the town of Sylva for many years and served 3 terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Mr. Buchanan was also a devoted Master Mason who belonged to the Dillsboro Lodge No. 459.

In 1967, Mr. Buchanan became the Solicitor for the 30th Prosecutorial District of North Carolina. During his 20-year tenure he was known for his great oratory skills and love of humor. He retired from his position having won the respect and admiration of many judges, attorneys, and Jackson County residents for his commitment and dedication to his profession.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Buchanan spent his remaining years with his growing family. His son, Marcellus Buchanan IV married Ronda Sorrell, with whom he has had two daughters and two granddaughters. He is a veteran law enforcement official and SBI supervisor. Mr. Buchanan's daughter, Christina, an attorney and former Assistant District Attorney, married David Matheson and has a daughter, son and grandson. Mr. Buchanan also used his retirement to co-author a book entitled "Disorder in the Court," in which he captured many of his courtroom experiences as only a master storyteller could do.

On July 7, 2000, Mr. Marcellus Buchanan passed away due to a battle with lung cancer. He left a legacy of community service, judicial fairness and, most of all, commitment to his family. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in commending the life of this great man.

IN HONOR OF DR. ROBERT MESSINA

HON. JOHN H. ADLER

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mr. ADLER of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Robert C.

Messina as he is honored by the non-profit, Main Street Mt. Holly, at their Gala at the Gallowes event on Friday, September 10th. Dr. Messina is president of Burlington County College and is an esteemed community leader.

Throughout Dr. Messina's 15 years of administrative leadership, Burlington County College has experienced unprecedented growth and development in the community and in the academic field. He has gained recognition for his work not just as a college administrator, but as an experienced educator, researcher, and contributor to local, state and national affairs.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of Burlington County College, Dr. Messina serves the community as an active board member of the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Southern New Jersey, promoting business activities and programs which contribute to the economic health of the region. As a member of the boards of the board of directors for the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, and a former board member for Memorial Health Alliance, he has contributed to studies and other programs aimed at identifying health issues and needs in the community-at-large.

For his efforts on behalf of the State of New Jersey and Burlington County, he has been recognized by several prestigious organizations on a local and national level, including the Boy Scouts of America, American Association of Community Colleges, and the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Robert Messina is a truly extraordinary educational and community leader. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Dr. Robert Messina for his dedication and achievements. The people of your community, the people of New Jersey, and the people of America thank you for your outstanding service.

HONORING GEORGE J. WEISS, JR.

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor George J. Weiss, Jr. of Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota. George has received the 2010 Presidential Citizens Medal for 'exemplary deeds of service for their country or their fellow citizens'.

A World War II Veteran with the United States Marine Corps, George has received this high distinction for founding the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad in 1979. The group is made up of more than 125 volunteers who perform final honors at military funerals. George and his Squad have honored over 500,000 veterans, and are forever remembered by families across the State of Minnesota who have said goodbye to loved ones.

Madam Speaker, I ask this body recognize the contributions of George J. Weiss, Jr. along with me, and that we all remember the sacrifices our veterans make for their fellow servicemembers.